

I have two comments. In general, I stongly oppose anything that would weaken any state's no-call law by preempting it with federal law. If states wish to provide their citizens with consumer protections greater tban those the feds wish to provide, they should be allowed to do so. Citizen's consumer concerns -- especially no-call concerns -- clearly outweigh the supposed "needs" of the industry.

Second, the idea of allowing companies to use telemarketers to contact customers for 18 months after ceasing to have them as a customer is nothing short of ludicrous. There is even more reason for the consumer to wish to not receive calls from these companies than other telmarketing calls! Frequently, the consumer knows that he or she REALLY doesn't want to do business with the company, and, minimally, has already made up your mind to move on. The consumer certainly doesn't want to have to repeatedly explain his or her reasons or listen to repeated attemptd to sign him or her up again. These types of calls are some of the most "harassing" types I can imagine.

Finally, what would be the excuse for allowing the company to contact the consumer about their other products when other sellers of the product may not? That simply makes no sense.